

The goose-bone man has been heard from, and it's to be a mild winter. We are mighty glad we have a fine, large woodpile.

With a revolution in Russia and the republicans in session in Washington newspaper reporters are having a right busy time these days.

The federal grand jury in session at Topeka, Kansas, has indicted 24 cattle barons for land frauds and perjury. There has always been doubts as to whether the immense fortunes could be honestly amassed in so short a time as is often done in our great country, and from recent revelations it looks like there is plenty of evidence of a kind to cause people to doubt.

One of the most heinous brutal crimes that has been perpetrated anywhere was indicted on Dan Crites at Kennett. To be brief, Mr. Crites got some booze, and was in bad company—and it proved to be very bad—they beat him, robbed him and then performed an unmentionable surgical operation on their victim and left him to die. But he did not die, and now Dr. A. S. Harrison of Kennett—said to be a prominent (?) physician—and a man named John Sweeney are under indictment for the brutal crime. Crites is a well-to-do farmer residing near Malden and has a wife and five children. This is only another instance of what booze and bad company is liable to do for a man.

SENATOR JOHN H. MITCHELL of Oregon died last Friday morning. He had a tooth extracted a day or two before and a severe hemorrhage followed and death was the result. But this does not end the story. Senator Mitchell was an intellectual giant. He was popular with the people. His fine appearance and master mind gained their confidence and they gave him a place in the highest law-making body in the greatest nation on earth, and with all the opportunities and honors of his exalted position, when Senator Mitchell died he was under sentence to the penitentiary for participating in land frauds in his own state. He had not been expelled from the senate because his case had gone to the supreme court and had not yet been heard there. But no senate committee attended Senator Mitchell's funeral; nor did either house adjourn out of respect for him. When a man betrays the confidence of those who have trusted him, and ruined his own character—plundered instead of guarding the interests of those who had placed their interests in his keeping—in what way can those same people honor his name after he is dead? This is the first time in the history of this nation that this peculiarly embarrassing condition has confronted either house of congress, but it may happen again, for there are others as deeply concerned in scandalism as was Senator Mitchell. Of the two representatives from Oregon, one has been convicted of land frauds, too, and the other is under indictment. And there is Senator Burton of Kansas who is also under sentence for betraying his trust.

Hon. M. R. Smith a Candidate.
In a letter to the Farmington Times, dated December 6, in reference to his candidacy, Hon. M. R. Smith says:

Owing to my recent and rather prolonged sickness, it has been mooted, as I understand, in some quarters, that I would not be able to make the race for congress. I am happy to inform my friends and the public in general that I am not dead, but fully alive, and feel that life is now worth living, and its triumphs and rewards worth striving for, and thus feeling, I desire to say to the people of the Thirteenth congressional district that I am a candidate for congress as a democrat, subject to the party's action for the nomination.

I made the race last year and was beaten by the schemes and boodles of those engaged in protecting special interests, about which I shall have more to say in the future. I do not know whether this force will be arrayed against me in the coming campaign or not, but whether it is or not, it is my purpose, and this purpose shall be inexorably carried out, to appeal directly to the people for my support and nomination, and election, should I be nominated.

My appeal shall be made by advocating live issues about which all the people are concerned, such as Arbitration of Labor Difficulties, Railroad Regulation, Publicity for Corporations and Federal License for same, for Criminal Prosecution of Trusts, Tariff Reform, Anti-free

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I might enlarge upon these matters, but this I will do in the campaign by letters and speeches.

I am satisfied that there will be no "sooner," primary or convention this year, but all will be done decently and in good order, and the best interest of the democratic party will be considered by the congressional committee, rather than the selfish interest of any particular individual

Respectfully,
M. R. SMITH.

Better Shape for Butter Packages
All over this Western country a good share of country butter is put up in packages which either have no shape or have a silly one. At the country fairs and institute exhibits there are placed on exhibition butter in such form. The ordinary print, round when viewed from the top, and flat when viewed from the side, with raised rim of flowers or fruit on top, is the kind I mean. These have been very popular but the quicker they go out of fashion the better. Why? Because this is an awkward form to cut from, the piece obtained being misshapen for side dish or plate and the butter left immediately loses its beauty and becomes a mere mass.

If it be sold it is next to impossible to pack it even in cold weather so that the thin bottom edge will not get bruised by its neighbor or flattened against the side of the box. Then if more than one layer be put into the box there must be a shelf for each or the upper layer will mash the beauty all out of the pretty pineapples, wreathes and other irrelevant things that have been stamped on the butter top.

The rectangular one-pound print is easier to make, cuts well and the more firmly they are packed in the shipping box the better they carry. Then, too, they may be wrapped in thin paper and kept clean, but not easily so with the old-fashioned round print or the ugly plug-like rolls that are still trying to force their way to the tables. There is every reason why the brick form should be made and none why the round form should continue.

R. M. WARONKER.
State Dairy Commissioner, Columbia, Mo.

A Word To Farmer Boys.
(Agricultural Letter)
The experience a young man gains on the farm is a most valuable asset. He should, therefore, reflect well before deciding to throw it away by entering some other profession in which this experience is of no special value. This is particularly true when we consider the extent to which most of the other professions are crowded and the unusual opportunities now offered in agriculture. Every ambitious farmer's boy in Missouri should plan to supplement this experience by a training in the College of Agriculture, so as to be prepared for the greatest possible success. Ten

years ago it was freely predicted that the demand for trained men in agriculture would soon be over supplied. The supply today is many times greater, and the demand is farther from being supplied than ever and is growing more rapidly than the number of young men fitting themselves to take such positions is increasing.

To place this sort of training within the reach of the largest possible number of young men who now live on the farm and who cannot avail themselves of a regular course, three Short Courses in Agriculture are offered at the University this winter, beginning January 4th and continuing eight weeks. One relates to soil fertility, crop production, horticulture, etc. Another relates to animal feeding, breeding, judging and animal diseases, and the other relates to dairying in all of its phases from the production of milk to the manufacturing and marketing of butter and cheese.

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H. J. WATERS,
Dean of the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri.

Making Loamy Soils.
Weekly Agriculture Letter.]
In addition to the maintenance of the supply of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, it is of the utmost importance that the soil be kept in the best possible mechanical condition. This means that the supply of vegetable matter shall not be allowed to become exhausted. This vegetable matter is absolutely essential to a productive and profitable soil. It gives lightness, looseness and friability to the soil and enables it to resist drought. Lands that have been cultivated for a long time have their vegetable matter burned out and are clammy, cold, soggy, run together after a rain, bake readily and are usually sour. Soils that already have their supply of vegetable matter very much depleted may be renovated by a liberal application of barnyard manure. If this is not available, a crop of clover or cowpeas turned under when reasonably mature will answer admirably. It is a mistake to turn any of these crops under when very green and immature, for the reason that they do not supply as much vegetable matter and plant food as they will if allowed to grow longer.

The practice of allowing a crop of weeds to grow upon a piece of land to be plowed under to furnish vegetable matter, while helpful, is not the best, because the weeds are likely to be allowed, through pressure of other work, to ripen seed before they are turned under, and in this manner the way paved for

endless labor with future crops. Besides, the weeds do not draw any valuable plant food from the soil and from the depths of the subsoil as do such crops as clover and cowpeas.

It is a matter of the highest importance that all vegetable matter produced on the farm be returned to the soil instead of being burned, in order that the supply of humus be maintained. The eastern farmer and particularly the Pennsylvania German, goes to the trouble every year to haul all of his straw and corn fodder to the barn to be used as feed and bedding, so that it may be incorporated with the manure, the liquid be absorbed and saved, and so that none of this vegetable matter may be lost.

While it is scarcely necessary for us in the middle west to invest this much labor in this phase of manure saving, it will not pay us to burn any more straw or corn stalks and other vegetable matter, unless the burning is necessary to destroy a heavy crop of weed seed.

By carefully saving all of the vegetable matter produced on the farm and returning it to the soil as manure, and by a systematic rotation of crops, in which once every four years the land is in clover, and this is none too often for Missouri conditions, the eastern farmer has been able to keep the vegetable matter in his soil, although it has been in cultivation for more than a hundred years. The earlier we in the middle west learn the lessons that the eastern farmer was long ago forced to learn, the easier it will be for us to keep our soils up to their present high state of fertility and productiveness.

H. J. WATERS,
Dean Agricultural College, Southeast News.

Farmington News.
Thursday's St. Louis papers say our circuit clerk may be cited for contempt by the Supreme court for failing to forward papers in appeal cases within the required time.

Whitewater Times
Last Friday night a burglar entered the saloon of J. W. Searcy, by cutting a panel out of the rear door, and robbed the cash register of \$5 or \$6, besides taking a considerable lot of Five Brother's whisky.

The meeting of the Southeast Missouri Teachers Association which was held at Cape Girardeau during the recent Thanksgiving vacation is said to have been a success in the fullest sense. The new officers are R. E. Baily, Bloomfield, president; W. L. Johns, Flat River, vice-president; Miss Alice Goodwin, Charleston, secretary, and Orville Zimmerman, Dexter, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Perryville.

Farmington News.
The report was brought to Farmington this week that Antoine Mullersman had struck a considerable deposit of lead while sinking a deep well at his place, two miles east of Knob Lick. The report was that the lead was struck at a depth of

the drill slushings to a considerable extent for the next twenty feet, which was as far down as he had reached at our last report. We hope the report is true and that the find is a rich one.

Our Correspondents.
Bessville.
James Barnes of De Soto is visiting relatives in this vicinity.
Rev. Greer has been helping in the protracted meeting.
Lemuel Welker is visiting his mother. Will Smith and family were down from Patton Sunday.
Lum McMahon and wife are visiting relatives here.
Quite a number of our people have shown quite an interest in the meeting. We are all hoping much good will result.
N. C. Griffith and son, Gordon, visited Mr. Griffith's mother here from Saturday to Monday.
Eliel Mahue spent Sunday with his folks here.
Clara Walker, who is teaching the Hahn school, has been attending church at the Ridge.
Several of our farmers are talking of disposing of their turkeys this week.
BESSVILLE.
James Creek.
J. F. Mayfield is erecting a new dwelling.
Lee Mayfield was the guest of J. F. Mayfield Saturday night.
G. J. Mayfield made a business trip on Thursday recently.
R. moi has it that we are to have a wedding in this vicinity soon.
The boys in this community have been cutting some possums lately.
Misses Foster and Anna Limbaugh visited at Dallas Angel's Sunday.
G. J. Mayfield sold a fine lot of corn recently.
Jacob Mayfield and son are helping J. F. Mayfield on his new dwelling.
Ben Cook returned from a trip to Dunklin county recently.
Moses James and James Cook returned from a trip to Dunklin county recently.
LITTLE JOE.
Grassy.
[Arrived late for last week.]
Prof. Alfred H. Hughes has again resumed his avocation in Dunklin county as teacher.
Fulton Cooper of Wayne county was here gathering corn on his father's farm last week.
The spelling bee that was to be last Friday night was postponed on account of bad weather.
G. S. Eaker and L. M. Hughes are erecting new barns we notice.
Julius Rea has a horse in bad shape with that dreadful "foot disease."
Ye scribe was present last Saturday at the personal property sale of Fred Whitener's, near Keokuh store.
Mr. Robert Rea and Miss Maud Jackson were married at the home of the bride near this place November 30. F. M. Morris officiating.
STEPHEN.
Tallent.
The stove haul is open now and many of our progressive farmers are making good time and money on the road.
Several of the farmers killed hogs last week and S. J. Long the enterprising young lawyer of this vicinity butchered several that made about three hundred and fifty pounds of hog meat.
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